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MUR: 5631

DATE COMPLAINT FILED: December 21, 2004

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: December 27, 2004

LAST RESPONSE RECEIVED: January 18, 2005

DATE ACTIVATED: December 20, 2005

EXPIRATION OF SOL: October 27, 2009

COMPLAINANT: Mark Brewer

RESPONDENT: Alcona County Republican Committee

RELEVANT STATUTES: 2 U.S.C. § 432(d)
2 U.S.C. § 434(c)
2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B)(i)
2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)(3)
11 C.F.R. § 100.5(c)
11 C.F.R. § 100.16(a)
11 C.F.R. § 100.24
11 C.F.R. § 109.10(b)
11 C.F.R. § 109.21

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: Disclosure Reports; Commission Indices

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter originated with a complaint filed by Mark Brewer alleging that the Alcona County Republican Committee ("ACRC") violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by placing political advertisements in the *Alcona County Review* on October 27, 2004. The Complainant alleges that: (1) the advertisements constituted improper in-kind contributions to Bush-Cheney '04, Don Hooper for Congress, and Richard Fortier;

(2) ACRC failed to include an appropriate disclaimer pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)(3); and (3) ACRC failed to properly report the expenditure for the advertisement as required under 2 U.S.C. § 434(c).

In its response, ACRC denies that it failed to include proper disclaimers in its political advertisements. In addition, although it does not deny the remaining allegations in the complaint, ACRC claims that, due to its limited membership and financial activity, it is exempt from election reporting requirements.

Based on the information set forth in the complaint, the response, and other available information, we recommend that the Commission find no reason to believe that the respondent violated the Act by making in-kind contributions to candidates for federal office. In addition, we recommend that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the remaining allegations in the complaint.

II. FACTUAL SUMMARY

ACRC is a local party organization registered as a political party committee with the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections. According to ACRC, it has fewer than twelve dues-paying members. *See Response*, at 1. Since 1998, ACRC has received a reporting waiver from the Michigan Bureau of Elections because it receives and expends less than \$1,000 annually. Because of ACRC's minimal election activity, it similarly is not required to register with the Commission as a political committee. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).

On October 27, 2004, ACRC placed political advertisements in the *Alcona County Review*. One advertisement, which appeared on four separate pages, stated "Secure America Bush Cheney Vote Republican." *See* Attachment 1. A similar advertisement, which appeared on two separate pages in the newspaper, added the names of Don Hooper, the Republican candidate

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1 for Michigan's First District seat in the United States House of Representatives, and Richard
2 Fortier, the Republican candidate for the 106th District of the Michigan House of Delegates.¹ See
3 Attachment 2. The final advertisement contained the heading "Secure America Bush Cheney
4 Vote Republican" and then listed the Republican candidate for each contested election in ballot
5 form. See Attachment 3. ACRC provided information indicating the total cost for all seven
6 advertisements was \$459.00. See Response, at 1.

7 ACRC's response also includes evidence indicating that when it submitted the
8 advertisements to the *Alcona County Review*, it indicated that the advertisements should include
9 a disclaimer stating "Not paid for by any candidate or candidates committee. Paid for with
10 regulated funds by the Alcona County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 19, Mikado, MI 48745."
11 See Response, at 3. Nevertheless, when they appeared in print, each advertisement contained a
12 disclaimer stating "Paid for with regulated funds by the Alcona County Republican Committee.
13 Not authorized by any candidate or candidates committees."

14 **III. LEGAL ANALYSIS**

15 **A. ACRC DID NOT MAKE AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO**
16 **CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE**

17 Based on the evidence available, it does not appear that ACRC made an in-kind
18 contribution to either Bush-Cheney '04 or Don Hooper for Congress in violation of 2 U.S.C.
19 § 441a(a)(7)(B)(i).² If ACRC's political advertisements were coordinated with Bush-Cheney '04
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¹ Both Mr. Hooper and Mr. Fortier lost in the general election held on November 2, 2004.

² The complainant also alleged that the advertisements constituted improper in-kind contributions to the campaign of Richard Fortier for the Michigan House of Delegates. The Commission does not have jurisdiction regarding this allegation.

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1 or Don Hooper for Congress, they could be considered an in-kind contribution from ACRC to the
2 campaign committees, which for a congressional campaign would be subject to the contribution
3 limitations of the Act and for a publicly funded presidential campaign would be prohibited. *See*
4 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B)(i). However, no information has been presented or is otherwise
5 available suggesting that there was any coordination, within the meaning of 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.20
6 or 109.21, between ACRC and either campaign committee in connection with the advertisements
7 at issue.³ Without additional information, the complaint lacks a "sufficiently specific allegation"
8 to warrant an investigation. *See* MUR 4851 (Michigan Republican State Committee)
9 (insufficient facts alleged to support reason to believe finding on a coordination theory). This
10 Office therefore recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that ACRC violated
11 the Act by making an in-kind contribution to either Bush-Cheney '04 or Don Hooper for
12 Congress in connection with the complaint filed in this matter.

13 B. ACRC FAILED TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE DISCLAIMER IN ITS
14 ADVERTISEMENTS
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16 Despite its alleged attempts at compliance, ACRC did not provide complete disclaimers
17 in its October 27, 2004, political advertisements. The Act provides that, whenever any person
18 makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing communications expressly advocating the
19 election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, such communication must include a
20 disclaimer. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). If the communication was not authorized by a candidate, an
21 authorized committee of a candidate or an agent thereof, but paid for by other persons, the
22 disclaimer "shall clearly state" the name and permanent street address, telephone number or
23 world wide web address of the person who paid for the communication and state that the

³ Bush-Cheney '04 and Don Hooper for Congress were not notified of the complaint. In light of our recommendations, this Office does not believe it appropriate to add them as respondents at this time.

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1 communication was not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. 2 U.S.C.
2 § 441d(a)(3).

3 In this instance, the advertisements at issue did not include ACRC's street address,
4 telephone number, or world wide web address. It therefore appears that ACRC violated 2 U.S.C.
5 § 441d(a)(3).

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9 However, because of ACRC's apparent attempt at compliance, the
10 modest amount paid for the advertisement, and ACRC's limited resources and federal activity,
11 this Office recommends the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss this
12 matter with respect to the allegation that ACRC violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)(3). *See Heckler v.*
13 *Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).

14 C. ACRC FAILED TO REPORT ITS INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE TO
15 THE COMMISSION

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17 By making independent expenditures totaling \$459.00, ACRC was obligated to report its
18 activities to the Commission. An independent expenditure is any expenditure that expressly
19 advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate and is not made in concert with a
20 candidate, a political party committee, or their respective agents. 2 U.S.C. § 431(17). ACRC's
21 October 27, 2004, advertisements, which all include the language "Secure America Bush Cheney
22 Vote Republican," clearly qualify as express advocacy under 11 C.F.R. § 100.22. *See*
23 Attachments 1-3.

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1 The Act requires that entities or persons other than political committees that make
2 independent expenditures in excess of \$250 during a calendar year must report the independent
3 expenditures by filing a Form 5 with the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 434(c); 11 C.F.R. § 109.10(b).
4 ACRC, although it filed for and received a reporting exemption from the Michigan Bureau of
5 Elections, still must comply with the reporting requirements of the Act. Because ACRC failed to
6 report the cost of the October 27, 2004, political advertisements, it appears that ACRC violated
7 2 U.S.C. § 434(c). However, given ACRC's limited resources and federal activity, this Office
8 recommends the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss this matter as it
9 relates to the allegation that ACRC violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(c).

10 **IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11 1. Find no reason to believe the Alcona County Republican Committee violated the
12 Act by making an in-kind contribution to either Bush-Cheney '04 or Don Hooper
13 for Congress in connection with the complaint filed in MUR 5631;
- 14 2. Dismiss the remaining allegations in the complaint filed in MUR 5631;
- 15 3. Approve the appropriate letter; and

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4. Close the file.

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

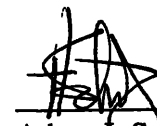
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Attachments:

1. ACRC Bush-Cheney '04 Advertisement
2. ACRC Bush-Cheney '04, Don Hooper for Congress Advertisement
3. ACRC Ballot Advertisement

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ATTACHMENT 1

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Graduating seniors on the Tigers soccer team are (back row from left) Manager Tony Brown, Brad VanEffen, Brett Cracknell, Coach Jim Bouchard, Kevin Rice, Jake Plamondon, (front row) Liz Brockwell, Simon Pompa, Hiroki Nakashima, Kiei Rice and Derek Quick. *Photo courtesy of Rachel Riegle.*

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d, third and fourth graders in Debra Caudill's class around the helicopter with the National Guard team sited their school. *Courtesy photo.*

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non-toxic, on everyday things like markers. The team ended their demonstration with actual pig lungs that had been chemically treated to simulate human lungs with lung cancer.

The demonstration of smoker's lungs included the lungs functioning with air moving in and out and how they do not expand properly with tumors and lesions. The focus of the presentation was prevention and how to stay physically fit. If you want to do cool things—you need to make wise choices and stay healthy.

Lt. Denis Prisk arranged the visit to Glennie Elementary.



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The Sunrise Side's

Old Halloween days

Guest Columnist

By Jim Gagnier
Guest Columnist
 The wind was stirring the restless pines, the moon was stealing its sinister way through the broken clouds, and the scent of burning leaves was drifting through the dark, empty streets.

There was no doubt about it. To the delight of children everywhere, this magical time of year was upon us again. And as the ghostly shadows greeted another haunted night, I couldn't help thinking about my own bygone Halloween days, when we kids donned our ghastly apparel and sallied forth into the night doing our best to frighten the whole world into paying us tribute with a bounty of candy and other goodies. For the entire grownup world knew full well that failure to pay homage to us with the "treat" could very well put them in mortal risk of suffering the dreaded "trick."

Trick or treating originated in the 1930s as a response to the public's concern for the devilry and in some cases, downright vandalism that had crept into the Halloween season. The idea was not so much to bribe the kids as it was to suggest, to them, a whole new theme to this night, giving them an alternative to the bad behavior that was becoming so common. In other words...give the kids something to do besides tipping over outhouses and in general raising havoc with property owners.

Of course, when I was a boy,

beg for food on Halloween night. Of course, when I was a kid, we did not necessarily restrict its practice to one night. If the mood came upon us, we would also go out begging on the night before Halloween and even two nights before. There was no set time for begging in those days.

And for some strange reason, this did not seem to bother the adults in the least. No matter how many days early we were, we were greeted cordially. Most people would simply smile and say "come back on Halloween" but, surprisingly, there were always a few who would give us a treat, even if it was only a couple of pennies. I guess they figured that any kid who had enough gumption to dress up and go out on a cold night rated some kind of reward.

Yes, we did dress up but the costumes were pretty much what you could throw together. There were very few store-bought, elaborate outfits in our social set. And it was quite a challenge to our little imaginations to come up with something original every year. Most of us stuck with the old standby. Cowboy outfits were popular as well as the old reliable ghostly sheets, with two holes for the eyes. I didn't like the sheet idea too much because the eye holes never seemed to be big enough, and I'd find myself stumbling around most of the evening.

I guess my favorite was the "bum" disguise, probably because it was so quick and easy.

wearily commented, "I hate Halloween." She should be known that such blasphemous on this of all nights, would never go unchallenged. One her offspring immediately came back with the perfect response to any grownup that would be so audacious as cast aspersions on this sacred kid's night. "Well, I hate McEers Day," he fired back.

Yes, this was the kid's night, and they made no bones about letting the adult world know about it.

I don't remember many Halloween parties. In fact, I think I only went to one in all my growing up years. But, it was tradition in Pontiac, Michigan, that time, for the city to buy a big cider and doughnut par at the Farmers Market on L Street, every Halloween night. There was live entertainment and some dancing and that about as close to a party as can remember.

And strange. I think now how my buddy and I would down there, all by ourselves and stay to almost midnight: until my big brother would me to go home. Mind you... it was when I was 10 or 11 years old. And stranger still, I do remember my folks ever being concerned or worrying about in the least.

daughter, Shannon, a student at Pied Piper School in Alpena, at home.

If elected, Stepaniak would work with other board members to make township information - like the zoning ordinance - more accessible. She would work to automate township records.

Two Four-Year Trustee Positions

Three individuals are running for two trustee positions - one Democrat and two Republicans.

Henry Freigruber, Republican, was born in Detroit, Mich. and moved to the area in 1998. He plans on spending the rest of his life in Hubbard Lake. He is running for the trustee position in order to give back to the township where he lives.

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NOTICE

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 8, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Road, Spruce, MI regarding a request for Special Land Use Permit. The request is for approval for a Party Store in the Lakeshore Development District located at 5540 Mt. Maria Road, property number: 021-016-300-085-00 (locally known as Bay View Resort). The public is welcome and invited to attend. Call the chairman at 727-2361 if more information is needed or send written comments (to arrive prior to meeting date) to Henry Freigruber, Planning Commission Chairman, 6455 Bear Springs Road, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747-8615.

whip up some of these spectacular concoctions for some real Halloween fun!

Fake Blood

This oozing, dripping "blood" looks just like the real thing! If your parents run for the first-aid kit after they catch a glimpse of you, you've done a great job!

Here's What You Need

- Small mixing bowl
- 1/2 teaspoon cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons hot water
- Mixing spoon
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 15-20 drops red food coloring
- Eyedropper or spoon
- Airtight container

Here's How You Make It

In the bowl, mix the cocoa powder and hot water with the spoon. Add the corn syrup and stir well. Mix in the food coloring.

Here's How You Use It

To test for an allergic reaction, apply a small amount of the fake blood to the inside of your wrist the night before you apply it to your face or body. Store the rest of the fake blood overnight. If your skin doesn't react to the fake blood, wash and dry your skin where you want to apply the fake blood. Use an eyedropper or a spoon

mixture in your eyes may make them sting.

Here's How You Store It

Store the face paint in a small plastic container at room temperature for up to one week.

Mummy Paste

Apply this gruesome paste, and you'll look like a frightful mummy, a scary monster or a creepy zombie who just stepped

Here's How You Store It

Store the paste in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3-4 days. Tip: If portions of the paper towel layers begin to peel off, simply brush on a small amount of nontoxic glue (such as Elmer's School Glue) or leftover paste to soften and secure the edges.

Halloween alternatives for older kids

(FeatureSource) As enticing as a harvest of Halloween candy can be, some kids may feel too old to trick-or-treat. Instead of missing out on the fun, try some alternative activities with your kids.

Host a slumber party. Ninety-seven percent of kids in America have been to a sleepover or slumber party at least once. Try making this favorite activity into a night of Halloween fun. Penny Warner, author of "Slumber Parties: 25 Fun-Filled Party Themes" recommends hosting a party with a fun and frightening theme.

Sorcerer's Magic Party

- Send invitations written in invisible ink along with a decoder pen so guests can figure it out.
- Create a sorcerer's stage by hanging up a sheet and decorating the area with glow-in-the-dark shapes.
- Have the guests perform magic tricks on the stage. Provide capes, top hats and magic wands. Have the guests reveal their secrets and take turns teaching one another magic tricks.

Midnight Mystery Party

- Send invitations in the form of a ransom note. Using letters cut out of magazines, tell your guests, "We're holding your party favor for ransom. Here's how to collect it..."
- Make your home a mystery.

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on August 5. The Reverend Paul Thompson officiated.
The bride is the daughter of Gary and Donna Gleason of Gaylord, Mich. and Cecil and Charlotte Pinder of Harrisville. She is employed by Alcona County at the Michigan State University Extension office.

The groom is the son of Richard E. and Rose Mary Myrick of Greenbush. He is a forester with the Alcona and Iosco Conservations districts.

The couple resides in Harrisville with their children, Rosemary, Caroline, and James.



Lisa and Rick Myrick

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only offered at Alpena Regional Medical Center, and over the years the patient base has consistently expanded. ARMC covers patient needs in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Presque Isle. Some of Alpena Regional Medical Center's specialty services even draw patients from as far as the west side of the state and north from the Upper Peninsula.

The new name is a reflection of where the center is today, and where it is headed in the future.

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ATTACHMENT 3

Calendar

(Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological or desecrated order at no charge. Sorry, we don't publish "bingo" "garage sale" or "raffle ticket sales" information in Calendar. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of event.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Take Out Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 1602 meets at Mikado Calvary Baptist Church. Walking in the gym is at 9 a.m. Weigh in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. Visitors welcome. For more information, call Mirna at 738-4483 or Donna at 738-3074.

The G.M. Sours-Sole-Sala and Harkness will hold its regular monthly luncheon meeting with spouses and guests at the Holiday Inn, Alpena, at 11:30 a.m. Curt Smith, vice president and general manager of WIKB will be guest speaker. For more information, call (800) 636-2789 or (800) 727-3360.

The annual Candlelight Vigil, hosted by Shelter, Inc., will be held at the First Congregational Church, 201 South Second Ave., Alpena, at 7 p.m. The event is held to bring attention to Domestic Violence Awareness Month, in remembrance of survivors and victims of domestic violence. For more information, contact Shur at (800) 368-2560, ext. 16.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona County KMS/ROC building located at 2800 East M-72 Refractor. For information, contact Stan Darmofel, W8WZ at 724-6550.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

A storytime and craft session will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 10:15-11 a.m.

Horton City Eagles will serve an all-you-can-eat Hobo Stew dinner beginning at 4 p.m. Adults, \$5.

Dress your pet and join in a "Pet (or Tomb) Can Petition"

from 5-6 p.m. in downtown Alpena. Sponsored by the Downtown Business Authority, your donation of \$5 will be given to the Huron Humane Society. You may also bring treats for the society's Adoptable Animals.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

A Haunted House will be held at the Curtin Township Library from 6-8 p.m., 4884 Hamfield Road, Glenzie A Park Room for younger trick or treaters will be hosted by the Glenzie House in the meeting room. Event is sponsored by the Glenzie Friends of the Library and the Glenzie Lion Club.

St. Joy Cemetery on Alcona Road in Haynes Township will be marked as an official Alcona Historic Site at 1 p.m., with a program and cemetery walk. For more information, call Kathy Stine at 724-6830.

Hubbard Lake Ladies Group will hold a craft show and bake sale, with a raffle every hour, at the North End Community Hall on Hubert Road (next to the fire hall) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will also be a Children's Halloween Costume contest.

A Children's Halloween Party will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall beginning at 5 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Curran Fire Department and will include games, prizes, pizza, hot dogs, ice cream and cake.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

A Community Halloween Party, sponsored by First Baptist Church in Lincoln, will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Costume judging, carved pumpkin contest, refreshments and games. A special program presented by the Stand Strong Team of Power Letters will follow.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

An American Red Cross Adult CPR course will be offered by Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Services from 10-11 a.m. at the Alpena office. Course fee \$18, which includes booklet. Registration by calling Jennie Gilman at (800) 368-2161.

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Take Out Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 898, meets weekly at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville. Weigh in begins at 4:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 5 p.m. For more information, call Pam at 724-5446.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Take Out Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 1602 will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church. Weigh in is at 4 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 4:20 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 738-4483 or 738-3074 and leave a message.

Art Union, field service of Sever from the VFW, will be at the Veterans' Affairs Office in the county courthouse from 1-3 p.m. Any veteran wishing to file a claim should stop in. Call 724-6373 for information.

An After School Arts and Crafts session will be held at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30-5 p.m. for children ages 7-14. The project for November is a "mummers" bracelet. Materials provided free through a grant by United Way.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Take Out Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 1602 meets at Mikado Calvary Baptist Church. Walking in the gym is at 9 a.m. Weigh in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. Visitors welcome. For more information, call Mirna at 738-4483 or Donna at 738-3074.

A Sewing Workshop for the Alcona Holy Pantry will be held at St. Raphael Church in Mikado from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

Alcona County Friends of the Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 3 p.m. Everyone welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Glenzie Sportsman's Club will hold its monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Curtin Township Hall.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2004

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Oct. 17	47	36	0.05	3.9	22	WSW
Oct. 18	47	31	0.01	6.2	31	WNW
Oct. 19	51	46	0.00	15.6	24	E
Oct. 20	51	48	0.00	8.9	19	NNE
Oct. 21	54	47	0.00	6.8	18	NNE
Oct. 22	53	51	0.00	11.5	26	SE
Oct. 23	55	52	0.33	19.0	34	S

2004 Precipitation Summary in Inches

	2004	2003	Normal
Weekly Total	0.38	0.26	0.40
October to Date	2.43	1.33	1.77
Year to Date	23.02	21.29	23.93

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofel at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T+Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)



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☐ Dick Cheney

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☐ Don Hooper

106TH STATE REPRESENTATIVE

☐ Richard Fortier

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☐ Sheriff

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☐ County Clerk

☐ Patricia Truman
☐ County Treasurer

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☐ Register of Deeds

☐ Karen V. Healy
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☐ County Commissioner

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Justice of the Supreme Court
☐ Stephen J. Markman
☐ Brian Keith Zahra
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4th District 6 Year Term
☐ William C. Whitbeck
☐ Donald S. Owens

STATE PROPOSALS

Proposal 04-1

A proposal to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal 04-2

A proposal to amend the state constitution to specify what can be recognized as a "Marriage or similar Union" for any purpose.

☐ Yes ☐ No

COUNTY PROPOSITION

Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) Initiative Proposal

☐ Yes ☐ No

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